
City Council

Notice of Motion

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Seeking a commitment from the Provincial and Federal Governments on an action plan for homecare for our aging population - by Councillor Peter Milczyn, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Peter Milczyn, seconded by Councillor Josh Matlow, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Clerk to write to both the Federal Minister of Health and the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-term Care, on behalf of Toronto City Council, asking for their commitment to fulfill the need for adequate homecare services, and that these initiatives and a defined action plan be put in place to focus on, but not be limited to:
 - i. Cutting waiting lists for homecare;
 - ii. Providing relief to family caregivers;
 - iii. Guaranteeing security and peace of mind to families;
 - iv. Insisting that investments in health care go to the front line, not the bottom line;
 - v. Ensuring that there is increased transparency and accountability in the delivery of homecare dollars; and
 - vi. Protecting the heart of healthcare; the frontline staff.

Summary

The number of seniors in Ontario is expected to double by 2031 and an action plan to meet the needs of our aging population is crucial.

The Toronto Seniors' Strategy is an active response to the movement to build and sustain an accessible, equitable and just society for all, but too many families are still left struggling to find adequate homecare for their loved ones. Families want reliable and consistent homecare, and a guarantee that it will be there when needed.

Homecare costs less than institutional care and fosters independence, while allowing seniors to remain active in our communities. A stronger action plan is needed to fulfil the promise of homecare for our aging population. The World Health

Organization identified Community Support and Health Services as part of eight themes that make up an age-friendly city.

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Background Information (City Council)

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